Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the Application:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystal device, comprising:

a substrate;

a plurality of color material layers of a plurality of colors arranged on the substrate;

a light-shielding layer surrounding each color material layer;

a protective layer covering the color material layers and the light-shielding layer; and

a plurality of electrode strips arranged on the protective layer and extending from a formation region of the protective layer to an unformed region of the protective layer, an electrode width of an electrode strip on a step portion forming an outline of the protective layer in the boundary part of the formation region and the unformed region being set to be narrower than an electrode width ~~of an electrode width~~ of an electrode strip on the protective layer in the formation region, ~~an electrode width of an electrode strip in the unformed region being set to be wider than the electrode width of the electrode strip on the step portion.~~ a part of an electrode width of an electrode strip within the unformed region of the protective layer being equal to an electrode width of an electrode strip on the protective layer within the formation region and enabling measurement of a gap of the electrodes.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The liquid-crystal device according to claim ~~2,~~ 1, a pair of sides of an electrode strip that form an outline of an electrode strip in a longitudinal direction thereof in the unformed region of the protective layer lying in extensions of a pair of

sides of an electrode strip that forms an outline of an electrode strip in the longitudinal direction thereof on the protective layer in the formation region.

4. (Original) Electronic equipment, comprising the liquid-crystal device according to claim 1.

5. (Previously Presented) The liquid crystal device according to claim 1, a gap between electrode strips adjacent to each other on the step portion is larger than that of electrode strips adjacent to each other on the formation region, electrode strips adjacent to each other on the unformed region being provided with part of a gap which is equal to the gap between the electrode strips on the formation region.

6. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystal device, comprising:

a substrate;

a plurality of color material layers of a plurality of colors arranged on the substrate;

a light-shielding layer surrounding each color material layer;

a protective layer covering the color material layers and the light-shielding layer; and

a plurality of electrode strips arranged on the protective layer and extending from a formation region of the protective layer to an unformed region of the protective layer, an electrode width of an electrode strip in a step portion forming an outline of the protective layer in the boundary part of the formation region and the unformed region being set to be narrower than an electrode width of an electrode strip on the protective layer in the formation region by approximately ~~4 μm.~~ 4 μm, a part of an electrode width of an electrode strip within the unformed region of the protective layer being equal to an electrode width of an electrode strip on the protective layer within the formation region and enabling measurement of a gap of the electrodes.